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Ms. Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

This letter is to express concern about the overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in U. S. livestock operations, since this has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases in humans. I want to urge the FDA to follow the European Union's lead and move immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Sweden and Denmark have been successful in banning these antibiotics while improving their management systems such that they are now achieving the production levels reached before the bans, without significantly increasing prices.

Sincerely,

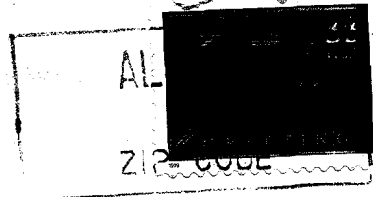
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